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SUBJECT: U.S. PROPOSAL FOR INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON ILLICIT
PAYMENTS

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1. ECONCOUNS CALLED ON SALAH EZZAT, DIRECTOR
ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT, MFA, TO URGE SUPPORT FOR US
PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL
AGREEMENT ON CORRUPT PRACTICES AT FORTHCOMING
ECOSOC SESSION. TEXT OF US PROPOSAL CONTAINED
REFTEL WAS LEFT WITH EZZAT WHO ALSO LISTENED
CAREFULLY TO PRESENTATION OF TALKING POINTS AND
MADE NOTES.

2. QUESTION OF CORRUPT PRACTICES IS TROUBLESOME
ISSUE FOR GOE, WHICH HAS WATCHED WITH SOME CONCERN
SPATE OF DOMESTIC ACCUSATIONS AS WELL AS WAVE OF
INTERNATIONAL BRIBERY WHICH HAS BEEN EXTENSIVELY
COVERED IN PRESS. EZZAT APPEARS TO SHARE VIEW OF MANY
OF HIS COLLEAGUES THAT BLAME SHOULD BE PLACED ON
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HOME, RATHER THAN HOST GOVERNMENTS AND INDIVIDUALS.

LENGTHY DISCUSSION WHICH FOLLOWED PRESENTATION
OF TALKING POINTS MAY HAVE HAD SOME SUCCESS IN
CONVINCING EZZAT OF NEED FOR COOPERATIVE
INTERNATIONAL ACTION FOR BOTH HOST AND HOME
GOVERNMENTS IF EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH PROBLEM ARE
TO BE EFFECTIVE.

3. BASIC POINT, THAT US IS ONLY SEEKING SUPPORT FOR
ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING
GROUP TO CONSIDER OVERALL ISSUE, APPEARED TO BE
CONVINCING ARGUMENT AND EZZAT EVIDENTLY FELT THAT
GOE WOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULT IN GOING ALONG WITH
THIS PROCEDURE. HE ADDED THAT EGYPT COULD NOT TAKE
A POSITION WHICH DIFFERED TOO GREATLY FROM THAT
TAKEN BY OTHER LDC'S, BUT HE ASSURED EMBOFF THAT
HE WOULD MAKE USG VIEWS AND POSITIONS KNOWN
TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS, AND WOULD REPORT FURTHER.
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